

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (original): A slider for a slide fastener, the slider comprising:
a slider body portion which is slidable along a pair of interlocking stringers to engage and disengage the stringers, the slider body portion having an upper side for a puller or the like, for a user to slide the slider along the stringers; and
a latch portion on an underneath side of the slider body portion for engaging the slider with a co-operating slider.

Claim 2 (original): A slider as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latch portion comprises a snap fit latching member for engaging and disengaging the co-operating slider.

Claim 3 (original): A slider as claimed in claim 2, wherein the latch portion comprises a receiving member for receiving a latching member of the co-operating slider.

Claim 4 (original): A slider as claimed in claim 3, wherein one or both of the latching member or the receiving member are resiliently deformed on engagement and disengagement with the co-operating slider.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A slider as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 3, wherein the slider and co-operating slider are identical.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A slider as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the latch portion is attachable to the slider body portion by a form locking connection.

Claim 7 (original): A slider as claimed in claim 6, wherein the form locking connection is comprised of one or more notches on the slider body portion which are slidably insertable into a corresponding number of recesses in the latch portion.

Claim 8 (original): A slider as claimed in claim 7, wherein the notch is a ramp having a sloped face and an erect face, the erect face abutting a side of the recess to prevent retraction of the slider body portion from the latch portion.

Claim 9 (original): A slide fastener comprising:

a first slider and a second slider arranged to be slidable on a pair of interlocking stringers so as to open the slide fastener when separated and close the slide fastener when brought together, each slider having a slider body portion, the slider body portion having an upper side for a puller or the like, for a user to slide the slider along the stringers;

a receiving portion disposed on the underneath side of the first slider body portion;
and

a latching member disposed on the underneath side of the second slider body portion and engageable with the receiving portion;

wherein the receiving portion is arranged to engage with the latching member, to releasably latch the first and second sliders together.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A slide fastener comprising:

a first slider and a second slider arranged to be slidable on a pair of interlocking stringers so as to open the slide fastener when separated and close the slide fastener when brought together, each slider having a slider body portion, the slider body portion having an upper side for a puller or the like, for a user to slide the slider along the stringers;

a first receiving portion disposed on the underneath side of the first slider body portion;

a first latching member disposed on the underneath side of the second slider body portion and engageable with the first receiving portion;

a second receiving portion disposed on the underneath side of the ~~first~~ second slider body portion;

a second latching member disposed on the underneath side of the ~~second~~ first slider body portion and engageable with the second receiving portion;

wherein the first and second receiving portions are arranged to engage with the first and second latching members respectively, to releasably latch the first and second sliders together.

Claims 11-35 (cancelled)